

wherein, between at least one of the primary coil bobbin and the primary coil, and layers of the primary coil, a gap portion which reduces a stress component caused inside the secondary coil bobbin due to a thermal contraction difference of the primary coil and the secondary coil bobbin coexists with the insulation-use resin,

wherein the gap portion is formed by peeling off between the surface of wire material of the primary coil and the insulation-use resin.

34. (New) An independent ignition coil for an internal combustion engine directly coupleable to a corresponding ignition plug, and which includes a center core, a secondary coil wound around a secondary coil bobbin and a primary coil wound around a primary coil bobbin arranged concentrically in a coil casing in the foregoing order as constituting members from inside the coil casing and an insulation-use resin filled between the constituting members in the coil casing,

wherein, between at least one of the primary coil bobbin and the primary coil, and layers of the primary coil, a gap portion which reduces a stress component caused inside the secondary coil bobbin due to a thermal contraction difference of the primary coil and the secondary coil bobbin coexists with the insulation-use resin, formed by peeling off between the surface of wire material of the primary coil and said insulation-use resin.

35. (New) An independent ignition coil for an internal combustion engine directly coupleable to a corresponding ignition plug, and which includes a

center core, a secondary coil wound around a secondary coil bobbin and a primary coil wound around a primary coil bobbin arranged concentrically in a coil casing in the foregoing order as constituting members from inside the coil casing and an insulation-use resin filled between the constituting members in the coil casing,

wherein, between at least one of the primary coil bobbin and the primary coil, and layers of the primary coil, a gap portion which reduces a stress component caused inside the secondary coil bobbin due to a thermal contraction difference of the primary coil and the secondary coil bobbin coexists with the insulation-use resin,

wherein the gap portion is formed by peeling off between the surface of the primary coil and the insulation-use resin.

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#### REMARKS

The allowance of Claim 27 is noted. No further comments are deemed necessary.

The rejection of Claims 14-26, 28, 29 and 31 on grounds of obviousness-type double patenting has been rendered moot by the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

Likewise, the rejection of Claims 14, 16 and 22 as being anticipated by JP '413 under 35 USC § 102 is deemed rendered moot by the submission herewith of a verified translation of applicants' priority document. Thus, applicants have now perfected their claim to priority.